

Coastal Konjo language

Coastal Konjo is an Austronesian language of Sulawesi, Indonesia, which belongs to the Makassaric branch of the South Sulawesi subgroup. It is spoken along the coast in the southeastern corner of South Sulawesi in the regencies of Sinjai, Bulukumba and Bantaeng.^{[3][4]} It is closely related to, but distinct from Highland Konjo, which also belongs to the Makassaric languages.

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Phonology

The following sound inventory is based on Friberg & Friberg (1991).^[5]

Vowels

| | <u>Front</u> | <u>Back</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| <u>High</u> | i | u |
| <u>Mid</u> | e | o |
| <u>Low</u> | a | |

The vowel /a/ is realized as [ə] before geminate nasals.

Consonants

| Coastal Konjo | |
|-----------------|--|
| Native to | Indonesia |
| Region | South Sulawesi |
| Native speakers | (125,000 cited 1990) ^[1] |
| Language family | Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Sulawesi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Makassaric<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coastal Konjo |
| Language codes | |
| ISO 639-3 | kjc |
| Glottolog | coas1295 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/coas1295) ^[2] |

| | | <u>Labial</u> | <u>Alveolar</u> | <u>Palatal</u> | <u>Velar</u> | <u>Glottal</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>Nasal</u> | | <u>m</u> | <u>n</u> | <u>ɲ</u> | <u>ŋ</u> | |
| <u>Plosive/Affricate</u> | <u>voiceless</u> | <u>p</u> | <u>t</u> | <u>tʃ</u> | <u>k</u> | <u>ʔ</u> |
| | <u>voiced</u> | <u>b</u> | <u>d</u> | <u>dʒ</u> | <u>g</u> | |
| <u>Fricative</u> | | | <u>s</u> | | | <u>h</u> |
| <u>Semivowel</u> | | | | <u>j</u> | <u>w</u> | |
| <u>Lateral</u> | | | <u>l</u> | | | |
| <u>Trill</u> | | | <u>r</u> | | | |

Only [ŋ] and [ʔ] can appear in final position. Words with underlying final /s/, /l/ or /r/ add an echo vowel, e.g. /nipis/ ['nipisi] 'thin'.

Grammar

Personal pronouns in Coastal Konjo have one independent form, and three bound forms.^[6]

Personal pronouns

| | free | ergative | absolutive | possessive |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1.sg./1.pl.excl. | nakke | ku- | -a | -ku |
| 1.pl.incl./2.honorific | gitte | ki- | -ki | -ta |
| 2.familiar | kau | nu- | -ko | -mu |
| 3. | ia | na- | -i | -na |

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